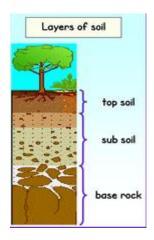
Knowledge Organiser Rocks and Soils Classifying rocks

rocks	rocks are made up of grains that are packed together		
mineral	Minerals are solid chemical substances that occur		
	naturally – examples include diamond, quartz, and		
	gypsum. Each grain that makes up the rock is made from a		
	mineral.		
permeable	Allowing water to pass through it		
petrologist	Someone who studies rocks		
magma	Liquid rock inside a volcano		
lava	Liquid rock that flows out of a volcano. Fresh lava ranges		
	from 1300 to 2200 degrees Fahrenheit (700 to 1200		
	degrees centigrade) in temperature and glows red hot to		
	white hot when it flows.		
Molten	A rock that has been reduced to liquid through heating.		
rock			
fossils	the remains or impression of a prehistoric plant or animal		
	embedded in rock		
soil	Soil is a mixture of tiny particles of rocks, organic matter		
	from animals and plants, as well as air and water		

Man made	Natural		
Man-made	sedimentary	igneous	metamorphic
rocks are	Tend to be grainy	Tend to have	Often has a
often used	in texture and may	interlocking	crystalline
for	contain fossils	grains giving	appearance
buildings	e.g. sandstone and	the rock a	e.g. marble
and	limestone	crystalline	
structures.		appearance	
		e.g. granite	
Examples:	Formed from the	Formed by the	After its original
Concrete	fragments of other	solidification of	formation this
and bricks	rocks that have	molten rock or	rock has been
	been weathered,	magma	altered in
	eroded and		structure and
	transported, by		composition by
	water, ice or wind		heat, and
	and finally		chemically active
	deposited (settled)		fluids.
	as sediments in		
	water or dunes		



Soil – Key Facts

Half of soil is air and water. The water is in the soil and the air is in the gaps between the soils.

Things you might find in soil: sand, small stones, bits of leaf, and insect wing, root, ants

Contained within the soil are millions of micro-organisms which help break down the matter and make the soil healthy and full of life.

